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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was steady to fully steady. Moderate trading in the Midwest taking place for immediate and deferred shipments. Offerings adequate. Demand was mixed with most interest noted for delayed arrivals. Bulk parts and meats demand fairly good. Supplies were in close balance and held with confidence.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fairly good and centered on frozen thigh going to Asia. Most export items finding good interest at steady to firm price levels. Some reporting increased interest for poultry due to mad cow disease in beef and the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Europe.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 08, 2001**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61.5-64	61.5	61.50	480	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	60.5	60.50	360	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61.5-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	62	62.00	320	-	-	-	680	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	59.5-61	59.93	1400	-	-	-	1200	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 09, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50	62.20**	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.00	61.40**	63.58
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	62.00	64.45**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50	60.90**	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	59.94	60.35**	61.03
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	61.00	61.95**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	86-102

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-MAR-2001

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.78	90	66.33	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.78	90	66.33	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

FEBRUARY	456,272*
MARCH 1-3, 2001	39,486*
To date 2001	887,398*
To date 2000	857,446*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			
		CHG	LIVE			
				OLD		AVG
				BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	839	0	22.77	(A)	845	22.77
S ATL	808	-11	27.47	(A)	814	27.47
N CENT	2,038	7	29.06	(A)	2,044	29.06
S CENT	636	9	21.43	(A)	641	21.43
WEST	324	-33	26.32	(A)	329	26.32
U.S.TOTAL	4,645(B)	-2	26.41	28	4,673	26.41
TO DATE						
2001	41,006(B)			142	41,148	
TO DATE						
2000	40,144(B)			322	40,466	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 57,000 for the year 324,000; last year to date 41,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,969	2,619	57	28	4,673
AVG WT	16.50	33.91	24.12	25.44	26.41
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
SAME WK YR AGO	3,971(B)		2	18	3,991
AVG WT	25.92(B)		24.50	27.56	25.94
TO-DATE/2001	40,682(B)		324	142	1,148
TO-DATE/2000	40,103(B)		41	322	40,466

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
AS OF 8 MARCH 2001.

The market tone was steady to fully steady on white meat items. Spot availability of breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was limited as current production is readily absorbed internally or previously committed. Supplies of bulk parts were tight and some inquiries went unfilled on wings and necks. Market fully steady on wings, about steady to fully steady on necks and drums. Export activity was fair. Hen v-type wings traded at 32 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.50		96.50	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00-154.00		150.67	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	30.63	27
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	31.00		31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	26.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	27.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	25.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.25	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	25.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	173.00		173.00	40
THIGH MEAT		T	62.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.50	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.17	240
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	149.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	61.00		61.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-32.00		30.82	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS	21.00		21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-66.00		64.40	400

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 MARCH 2001.

Supplies of tom full cut wings were extremely tight. Balance of bulk parts ranged from well cleared to short of needs. The market tone was at least steady on necks, fully steady to firm on other parts. Fresh tom breast meat was adequate to tight and asking prices trended higher. Fresh and frozen destrapped tenders exhibited increased spot availability and the market tone ranged steady to firm. Thigh meat continued very strong with limited product available. Export markets were fairly active on thigh meat, light on tails and tom drums and v-type wings.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	96.50	800	97.42	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	150.67	30	150.67	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	93.00	200	93.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	30.63	27	30.63	27
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	31.00	40	31.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	26.00	80		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	27.00	120	26.27	189
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	25.00	2	25.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.25	20	26.25	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40		
NECKS, TOM		R	25.00	80	25.11	231
NECKS, HEN		T	25.00	18	25.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00		174.00	40	168.23	600
THIGH MEAT		T	62.00	2	62.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	40	62.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.50		113.50	40	114.25	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.17	240		
TENDERLOINS	128.00		128.00	40	128.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	149.00	80	149.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	61.00	40	59.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-18.00		17.44	80	16.16	960
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	40	30.74	298
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	29.00	80	27.23	539
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	208	27.63	416
TAILS	24.00-25.00		24.43	184	23.39	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	80	17.00	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-66.00		63.60	520	63.90	1,240

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